Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have not got complete possession of the land. We hope to get it in a few days.

Work in the Huzur Office.

111. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state to what extent has the volume of the work in the Huzur increased since the Assistant Secretaryship was abolished in the middle of 1083 by Sir A. R. Banerji;

(2) when did the increase in work begin to manifest itself so as to necessitate the restoration of the Assistant Secretaryship;

(3) was the necessity for an Assistant Secretaryship felt during the Diwanship of Messrs. Bhore, Vijayaraghavacharya and Narayana Menon and also Narayana Ayyar till the third month of the 6th year of his period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) In 1083 the total number of currents, petitions and periodicals registered was 19,669. But in the next year after decentralisation, the total came down to 13,776 as against which in 1105 the number was 17,264. The Member is also referred to the successive Administration Reports of the State which would give a general idea of the increase in work.

(2) As in all such cases it is impossible to give the exact date in which the necessity was first felt. But for some years the question has been before the Government.

(3) Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know why no appointment of the Assistant Secretary was made even when a necessity seems to have felt from the times of Messrs. Bhore, Vijayaraghavachariar and Narayana Menon and also Narayana Ayyar, till the 3rd month of the 6th year of his period ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For the first few years the matter was put off. That is one reason. It was put off during the last few years also since that was one of the items which was considered by the Special Finance Committee.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Who was appointed in this place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar is the Assistant Secretary at present.

Superintendents—Huzur Office.

112. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) how many Superintendents were there in the Huzur during the Diwanship of Messrs. A. R. Banerji, Bhore, Vijaya-

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raghavacharya and Narayana Menon and also of Narayana Ayyar till three months before his retirement;

(2) how many were brought into existence during the third month of Mr. Narayana Ayyar's 6th year of the Diwanship;

(3) is there sufficient supervision work for four Superintendents, one Assistant Secretary and one Secretary;

(4) if so, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement of the distribution of work among these six supervising officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) One. The Chief Superintendent.

(2) Four; i. e., the four head clerks came to be newly designated as Superintendents. The place of the Chief Superintendent was also abolished.

(3) More than sufficient.

(4) The Member is referred to Chapter XI of the revised Standing Orders. The Assistant Secretary attends to passing of the draft orders and signing of fair copies. He has to inspect the Stamp Office and Press Departments every half year and the Departments of the Secretariat every quarter. Besides he also attends to such special work as the Secretary may entrust him with.

Revenue expenditure of the Medical Department.

113. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement in the following form from 1098 to 1105 with regard to the Medical Department:—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Percentage of (a) 4, (b) 5, (c) 6, (d) 7 to 3			
Year	Total (a) Revenue (b) Expenditure of the State.	Total expenditure of the Medical Department	Salaries and establishment charges inclusive of allowances	Dietary charges	Cost of Medicine	Other charges, such as cost of bedding, etc.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

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